

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2000

Act 64

House Resolution 882

Effective May 1, 2000

B. EDWARD TANKERSLEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating the B. Edward Tankersley Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Honorable B. Edward Tankersley will long be remembered by the citizens of Columbia County for his exemplary public service as an elected official and for his vision and integrity as a community leader; and

WHEREAS, B. Edward Tankersley was born in Columbia County on October 18, 1906, and remained a life-long resident of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, he served for nine years as a Deputy Sheriff and 19 years as Sheriff of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tankersley was widely known throughout the state for his effective and efficient law enforcement programs; and he repeatedly and without thought for his own personal safety risked his own life to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Columbia county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tankersley married Martha E. Baston on July 18, 1931, and they had three sons and one daughter, seven grandchildren, and ten great- grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he and his family have always been very active in the educational, civic, and religious affairs of their community; and

WHEREAS, his very capable, honest, and dedicated public service earned him the highest respect among his professional peers and the citizens he served; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tankersley represented the very highest ideals expected of an elected public official and public servant, and his contributions and sterling reputation provide a model for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tankersley died on November 11, 1986, in Columbia County; and it is only fitting and proper that he be honored by this state and in his county.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the bridge on State Highway 104, between the city of Evans and the city of Pollards Corner in Columbia County, over the Little Kiokee Creek, is designated as the B. Edward Tankersley Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this Resolution to the Department of Transportation and the family of Mr. B. Edward Tankersley.